

# Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department

## Supervisor's Report on Use of Force

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Incident Information									
URN: <b>914 - 16502 - 1122 - 145</b>					Date: <b>09-19-2014</b>		Time: <b>1753hrs</b>		
Location: <b>[REDACTED]</b>					City or Station: <b>Lancaster</b>				
Bureau/Station/Facility: <b>NPD / Lancaster Station</b>					Admin. Investigation: <input type="radio"/> YES <input checked="" type="radio"/> NO				
Type of Force: <b>Personal Weapons / Control Holds / Resisted Handcuffing</b>									
Incident Category: <input type="radio"/> 1 <input type="radio"/> 2 <input checked="" type="radio"/> 3					Deputy Injury: <input type="radio"/> YES <input checked="" type="radio"/> NO    Suspect Injury: <input checked="" type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO				
<input type="checkbox"/> Call		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Observation		<input type="checkbox"/> Detail		<input type="checkbox"/> Foot Pursuit		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Vehicle Pursuit	
IAB Notified: <input checked="" type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO    Person Notified: <b>Lt. Weber</b>					Emp: <b>[REDACTED]</b>		IAB Roll Out: <input checked="" type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO		
Involved Employee									
<b>E 1</b>	Employee #	Last Name		First Name		Middle I.		Rank	
	<b>[REDACTED]</b>	<b>Markman</b>		<b>Michael</b>		<b>G.</b>		<b>DSG</b>	
Sex: <input checked="" type="radio"/> M <input type="radio"/> F		Race: <b>W</b>	Height: <b>604</b>	Weight: <b>230</b>	Age: <b>[REDACTED]</b>	Shift: <input type="radio"/> EM <input type="radio"/> Day <input checked="" type="radio"/> PM		<input checked="" type="radio"/> Regular Shift <input type="radio"/> OT Shift <input type="radio"/> Off Duty	
Unit of Assignment: <b>Lancaster Station</b>				Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.): <b>811G5</b>					
Individual Force Used: <b>Personal Weapons / Control Holds / Resisted Handcuffing</b>					<input checked="" type="radio"/> Directed <input type="radio"/> Rescue <input type="radio"/> Medical Assist			Individual Category: <input type="radio"/> 1 <input type="radio"/> 2 <input checked="" type="radio"/> 3	
<input type="checkbox"/> Injured <input type="checkbox"/> Treated <input type="checkbox"/> Admitted    Facility: _____					Coroner Case # _____				
<b>E 2</b>	Employee #	Last Name		First Name		Middle I.		Rank	
	<b>[REDACTED]</b>	<b>Mendez</b>		<b>Paul</b>		<b>G.</b>		<b>DSG</b>	
Sex: <input checked="" type="radio"/> M <input type="radio"/> F		Race: <b>H</b>	Height: <b>511</b>	Weight: <b>216</b>	Age: <b>[REDACTED]</b>	Shift: <input type="radio"/> EM <input type="radio"/> Day <input checked="" type="radio"/> PM		<input checked="" type="radio"/> Regular Shift <input type="radio"/> OT Shift <input type="radio"/> Off Duty	
Unit of Assignment: <b>Lancaster Station</b>				Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.): <b>811G5</b>					
Individual Force Used: <b>Personal Weapons / Control Holds / Resisted Handcuffing</b>					<input checked="" type="radio"/> Directed <input type="radio"/> Rescue <input type="radio"/> Medical Assist			Individual Category: <input type="radio"/> 1 <input type="radio"/> 2 <input checked="" type="radio"/> 3	
<input type="checkbox"/> Injured <input type="checkbox"/> Treated <input type="checkbox"/> Admitted    Facility: _____					Coroner Case # _____				
<b>E 3</b>	Employee #	Last Name		First Name		Middle I.		Rank	
	<b>[REDACTED]</b>	<b>[REDACTED]</b>		<b>[REDACTED]</b>		<b>[REDACTED]</b>		<b>SGT</b>	
Sex: <input checked="" type="radio"/> M <input type="radio"/> F		Race: <b>W</b>	Height: <b>600</b>	Weight: <b>220</b>	Age: <b>[REDACTED]</b>	Shift: <input type="radio"/> EM <input type="radio"/> Day <input checked="" type="radio"/> PM		<input checked="" type="radio"/> Regular Shift <input type="radio"/> OT Shift <input type="radio"/> Off Duty	
Unit of Assignment: <b>Lancaster Station</b>				Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.): <b>111S</b>					
Individual Force Used: <b>Resisted Handcuffing</b>					<input type="radio"/> Directed <input type="radio"/> Rescue <input type="radio"/> Medical Assist			Individual Category: <input checked="" type="radio"/> 1 <input type="radio"/> 2 <input type="radio"/> 3	
<input type="checkbox"/> Injured <input type="checkbox"/> Treated <input type="checkbox"/> Admitted    Facility: _____					Coroner Case # _____				
On Duty Supervisor									
Emp #	Last Name		First Name		Middle I.		Rank	Present	Witness to Incident
<b>[REDACTED]</b>	<b>Owen</b>		<b>Steve</b>		<b>C.</b>		<b>SGT</b>	<input checked="" type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO	<input checked="" type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO
Supervisor Completing Investigation									
Emp #	Last Name		First Name		Middle I.		Rank	Present	Witness to Incident
<b>[REDACTED]</b>	<b>Pearcy</b>		<b>Kevin</b>		<b>R.</b>		<b>SGT</b>	<input checked="" type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO	<input checked="" type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO
Watch Commander / Supervising Lieutenant									
Emp #	Last Name		First Name		Middle I.		Rank		
<b>[REDACTED]</b>	<b>Carriozosa</b>		<b>Slade</b>		<b>[REDACTED]</b>		<b>LT</b>		

Watch Commander / Supervising Lieutenant's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Copy Provided to Employee by: \_\_\_\_\_ Emp #: \_\_\_\_\_

Unit Commander (Print Name) \_\_\_\_\_ Unit Commander's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Emp #: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Discovery Unit  
FO# \_\_\_\_\_

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Original: Discovery Unit  
Copy: Unit Commander

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## SUSPECT INFORMATION

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Suspect Information									
Last Name <b>Carson</b>		First Name <b>Danny</b>		Middle Name <b>Lee</b>		Armed? Select <b>Not Armed</b>			
AKA Last Name		First Name		Middle Name					
Sex: <input checked="" type="radio"/> Male <input type="radio"/> Female	Race: <b>W</b>	Age: <b>37</b>	Height: <b>603</b>	Weight: <b>180</b>	D.O.B.: <b>102076</b>	Phone #1: <input type="radio"/> H <input type="radio"/> W <input type="radio"/> C <b>UNK</b>	Phone #2: <input type="radio"/> H <input type="radio"/> W <input type="radio"/> C <b>UNK</b>		
Street Address: <b>[REDACTED]</b>				City: <b>[REDACTED]</b>		State & Zip Code: <b>[REDACTED]</b>			
Booking #: <b>4101482</b>		Primary Charge Code: <b>11378 H&amp;S</b>		Secondary Charge Code: <b>69 PC,</b>		Criminal History			
Treated on Scene? <input checked="" type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO		Name: <b>L. A. County Fire</b>		Unit: <b>134</b>		Phone #: <b>661 723-8546</b>			
Hospital Admission? <input type="checkbox"/> Rec'd Treatment At: <b>A. V. Hospital</b>		Coroner Case #:		Mental History <input type="checkbox"/>		<small>User's guide provides direction on this entry</small>			
By: <b>Dr. Benjamin Wyler</b>		Address: <b>1600 W. Ave J, Lancaster</b>		Phone #: <b>661 949-5000</b>					
Under Influence: <input checked="" type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO		Substance: <b>CNS Stimulant</b>		5150 a factor in force? <input type="radio"/> YES <input checked="" type="radio"/> NO		<small>User's guide provides direction on this entry</small>			
Date: <b>06-18-15</b>		Time: <b>1029</b>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Audiotape: <input type="checkbox"/> Videotape: <input type="checkbox"/> Photos of Injuries:		<input type="checkbox"/> ADMITS HEARING ANNOUNCEMENTS			

S

Suspect Information									
Last Name		First Name		Middle Name		Armed? Select			
AKA Last Name		First Name		Middle Name					
Sex: <input type="radio"/> Male <input type="radio"/> Female	Race:	Age:	Height:	D.O.B.:	Weight:	Phone #1: <input type="radio"/> H <input type="radio"/> W <input type="radio"/> C	Phone #2: <input type="radio"/> H <input type="radio"/> W <input type="radio"/> C		
Street Address:				City:		State & Zip Code:			
Booking #:		Primary Charge Code:		Secondary Charge Code:		<input type="checkbox"/> Criminal History			
Treated on Scene? <input type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO		By:		Unit:		Phone #:			
Hospital Admission? <input type="checkbox"/> Rec'd Treatment At:		Coroner Case #:		Mental History <input type="checkbox"/>		<small>User's guide provides direction on this entry</small>			
By:		Address:		Phone #:					
Under Influence: <input type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO		Substance:		5150 a factor in force? <input type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO		<small>User's guide provides direction on this entry</small>			
Date:		Time:		<input type="checkbox"/> Audiotape: <input type="checkbox"/> Videotape: <input type="checkbox"/> Photos of Injuries:		<input type="checkbox"/> ADMITS HEARING ANNOUNCEMENTS			

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Suspect Information									
Last Name		First Name		Middle Name		Armed? Select			
AKA Last Name		First Name		Middle Name					
Sex: <input type="radio"/> Male <input type="radio"/> Female	Race:	Age:	Height:	D.O.B.:	Weight:	Phone #1: <input type="radio"/> H <input type="radio"/> W <input type="radio"/> C	Phone #2: <input type="radio"/> H <input type="radio"/> W <input type="radio"/> C		
Street Address:				City:		State & Zip Code:			
Booking #:		Primary Charge Code:		Secondary Charge Code:		<input type="checkbox"/> Criminal History			
Treated on Scene? <input type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO		By:		Unit:		Phone #:			
Hospital Admission? <input type="checkbox"/> Rec'd Treatment At:		Coroner Case #:		Mental History <input type="checkbox"/>		<small>User's guide provides direction on this entry</small>			
By:		Address:		Phone #:					
Under Influence: <input type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO		Substance:		5150 a factor in force? <input type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO		<small>User's guide provides direction on this entry</small>			
Date:		Time:		<input type="checkbox"/> Audiotape: <input type="checkbox"/> Videotape: <input type="checkbox"/> Photos of Injuries:		<input type="checkbox"/> ADMITS HEARING ANNOUNCEMENTS			

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## EMPLOYEE / NON-EMPLOYEE INFORMATION

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Employee Witnesses					
Emp. #	Last Name	First Name	Middle Name		
Unit of Assignment:		Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.):	Shift: <input type="radio"/> EM <input type="radio"/> Day <input type="radio"/> PM <input type="radio"/> Regular <input type="radio"/> OT <input type="radio"/> Off Duty		
Emp. #	Last Name	First Name	Middle Name		
Unit of Assignment:		Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.):	Shift: <input type="radio"/> EM <input type="radio"/> Day <input type="radio"/> PM <input type="radio"/> Regular <input type="radio"/> OT <input type="radio"/> Off Duty		
Emp. #	Last Name	First Name	Middle Name		
Unit of Assignment:		Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.):	Shift: <input type="radio"/> EM <input type="radio"/> Day <input type="radio"/> PM <input type="radio"/> Regular <input type="radio"/> OT <input type="radio"/> Off Duty		
Non-Employee Witnesses					
Last Name		First Name		Middle Name	
Age		D.O.B.			
Street Address		City	Zip Code	Phone #1	Phone #2
Last Name		First Name		Middle Name	
Age		D.O.B.			
Street Address		City	Zip Code	Phone #1	Phone #2
Last Name		First Name		Middle Name	
Age		D.O.B.			
Street Address		City	Zip Code	Phone #1	Phone #2
Last Name		First Name		Middle Name	
Age		D.O.B.			
Street Address		City	Zip Code	Phone #1	Phone #2
Last Name		First Name		Middle Name	
Age		D.O.B.			
Street Address		City	Zip Code	Phone #1	Phone #2
Last Name		First Name		Middle Name	
Age		D.O.B.			
Street Address		City	Zip Code	Phone #1	Phone #2
Last Name		First Name		Middle Name	
Age		D.O.B.			
Street Address		City	Zip Code	Phone #1	Phone #2
Last Name		First Name		Middle Name	
Age		D.O.B.			
Street Address		City	Zip Code	Phone #1	Phone #2
Last Name		First Name		Middle Name	
Age		D.O.B.			
Street Address		City	Zip Code	Phone #1	Phone #2
Last Name		First Name		Middle Name	
Age		D.O.B.			
Street Address		City	Zip Code	Phone #1	Phone #2

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**Method**

(AW) Arwen	(FH) Firearm (Handgun)	(PO) Personal Weapon (Other)
(BC) Baton: (Control)	(FR) Firearm (Rifle)	(RS) Resistance
(BI) Baton: (Impact)	(FS) Firearm (Shotgun)	(RO) Restraint Device (Other)
(BF) Bodily Fluids	(FO) Firearm (Other)	(RH) Restraint Device (Handcuffs)
(CN) Canine	(FB) Flashbang	(HB) Restraint Device: Hobble (Legs Only)
(CR) Carotid Restraint	(FL) Flashlight	(TP) Restraint Device: Hobble (TARP)
(CH) Choke Hold	(OE) Other Weapon: Edged	(RE) Restraint Device: REACT Belt
(CT) Control Holds: (Control Techniques)	(OV) Other Weapon: Vehicle	(SP) Sap
(TT) Control Holds: (Team Takedown)	(OB) Other Weapon: Blunt Object	(SH) Shield
(TD) Control Holds: (Takedown)	(OO) Other Weapon: Other	(IR) Less Lethal Impact Round (other)
(CE) Chemical	(PK) Personal Weapon: Feet/Leg: (Kick)	(SB) Sting Ball
(OC) Chemical Agents (OC Spray)	(PS) Personal Weapon: Feet/Leg: (Sweep)	(ST) Stun Bag
(TG) Chemical Agents (Tear Gas)	(PH) Personal Weapon (Hand/Arm)	(TR) Taser
(EX) Explosives	(PP) Personal Weapon (Push)	(UC) Uncooperative
		(HR) High Risk

**Type of Injury**

(AB) Abrasion	(DB) Dog Bite	(PA) Paralysis
(BR) Bruise	(FR) Fractures	(PW) Puncture Wound
(BU) Burn	(GS) Gunshot	(SD) Soft Tissue Damage
(CP) Complaint of Pain	(HB) Human Bite	(ST) Sprain/Twists
(CO) Concussion	(LC) Lacerations	(UN) Unconscious
(DH) Death	(ND) Nerve Damage	(RM) Refused Med Treatment
(DI) Dislocation	(OD) Organ Damage	(NN) NONE

**Body Part Involved**

(AD) Abdomen	(FA) Face	(HI) Hip
(AK) Ankle	(FE) Feet	(IN) Internal
(AR) Arm	(FI) Fingers	(KN) Knees
(BK) Back	(GE) Genitals	(LE) Leg
(BT) Buttocks	(GR) Groin	(NK) Neck
(CH) Chest	(HD) Hands	(NO) Nose
(EL) Elbow	(HE) Head	(SH) Shoulder
		(WR) Wrist

FORCE USED BY		FORCE USED AGAINST		Method (Code)	Type of Injury (Code)	Body Part (Code)
Name	E# or S#	Name	E# or S#			
Carson	S	Markman	E-1	UC	NN	N/A
Carson	S	Markman	E-1	HR	NN	N/A
Markman	E-1	Carson	S	PH	FR	FA
Carson	S	Markman	E-1	RS	NN	N/A
Carson	S	Mendez	E-2	RS	NN	N/A
Markman	E-1	Carson	S	CT	NN	AR
Mendez	E-2	Carson	S	CT	NN	AR
Carson	S	Markman	E-1	RS	NN	N/A
Carson	S	Mendez	E-2	RS	NN	N/A
Markman	E-1	Carson	S	PH	FR	FA
Mendez	E-2	Carson	S	PH	SD	BK
Carson	S	Markman	E-1	RS	NN	N/A
Carson	S	Mendez	E-2	RS	NN	N/A
Markman	E-1	Carson	S	PH	LC	FA
Mendez	E-2	Carson	S	PH	FR	FA
Markman	E-1	Carson	S	CT	NN	AR
Mendez	E-2	Carson	S	CT	NN	AR
	E-3	Carson	S	RH	NN	WR

**COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES  
SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT**

**CATEGORY 3 FORCE  
INCIDENT SUMMARY**

**UNIT:** Lancaster Station  
**DATE / TIME:** September 19, 2014, Friday, 1753hrs  
**LOCATION:** [REDACTED], Lancaster, Ca 93534  
**URN#** 914-16502-1122-145  
**IAB#** FO2366623

**INVOLVED EMPLOYEES:** Deputy Michael Markman # [REDACTED]  
Deputy Paul Mendez # [REDACTED]  
Sergeant [REDACTED] # [REDACTED]

**NATURE OF THE INCIDENT**

On September 19, 2014, at approximately 1753 hours, patrol Deputies Markman and Mendez were working as partners, in uniform, and in a marked patrol car. They observed Danny Lee Carson (Suspect Carson), the driver and sole occupant, driving a white Saturn (License # [REDACTED]) near 10<sup>th</sup> Street West and Avenue J, in the city of Lancaster. The suspect's vehicle registration was expired, but it had a current tab on the plate. While driving, Suspect Carson made several unsafe driving maneuvers in traffic lanes, nearly causing a collision with Deputies Markman and Mendez's patrol vehicle, and several other vehicles on the road.

**IAB Note:** Based on the vehicle's unsafe driving maneuvers, both deputies felt the driver may be under the influence of alcohol and/or a controlled substance.

Deputies Markman and Mendez initiated a traffic stop on Suspect Carson, and he pulled over on a frontage road of Avenue J, near Lowtree Avenue. As the deputies exited their vehicle and began to approach Suspect Carson's vehicle, Suspect Carson drove away at a high rate of speed. Deputies Markman and Mendez returned to their vehicle and initiated a pursuit of Suspect Carson as a reckless D.U.I. driver.



**IAB Notes:** A map indicating the pursuit route is included in this case book (see **Exhibit C**).

A Pursuit Evaluation Form was completed regarding this incident (see **Miscellaneous Documents**).

A copy of the PM shift Lancaster Station In-Service for September 19, 2014, and 811G5's DDWS are included in this case book (see **Miscellaneous Documents**).

The pursuit lasted about 01:08 minutes and traveled approximately 1.12 miles. The pursuit ended when the suspect's vehicle crashed into two parked vehicles on Date Avenue, north of Oldfield Street.

Suspect Carson exited his vehicle and ran westbound across the street and appeared to be attempting to flee the scene. In an attempt to keep him from running away, Witnesses [REDACTED] (Witness [REDACTED]) and [REDACTED] (Witness [REDACTED]) ran across the street and confronted Suspect Carson, as he was on the west sidewalk.

When Deputies Markman and Mendez arrived on scene, they contacted Suspect Carson, detained him at gunpoint, and ordered him to get on the ground. Suspect Carson refused the deputies' orders. Suspect Carson moved towards Deputy Markman. Deputy Markman felt Suspect Carson was about to attack him. Deputy Markman re-holstered his firearm, made a lateral move to his left (to evade Suspect Carson's attack), and used his left hand to punch Suspect Carson in the face. Suspect Carson immediately fell to the ground, on his stomach.

While on the ground, both deputies got on top of Suspect Carson and used their body weight to hold him down. Deputy Markman grabbed Suspect Carson's left arm and Deputy Mendez grabbed his right arm. Both deputies attempted to pull Suspect Carson's arms behind his back for handcuffing, but were unsuccessful. Suspect Carson put both of his hands underneath his body and refused to release them. Suspect Carson struggled with the deputies by violently twisting and thrashing his body. Both deputies gave Suspect Carson several orders to put his hands behind his back and to stop fighting, but Suspect Carson continued to struggle and actively resist them.

Deputy Markman used his right fist to punch Suspect Carson on the right side of his face, two to three times. Suspect Carson did not release his arms and continued to struggle with the deputies. Deputy Markman used his left fist to punch Suspect Carson on the left side of his face, two times.

Deputy Mendez punched Suspect Carson one time on his right torso. Suspect Carson did not release his arms, and continued to struggle with the deputies. Deputy Mendez then used his right fist to punch Suspect Carson on the right side of his face, four to five times.

Suspect Carson stopped struggling with the deputies and released his arms from underneath his body. Deputy Markman was able to pull Suspect Carson's left arm behind his back and Deputy Mendez was able to pull his right arm behind his back. Sergeant [REDACTED] arrived on scene and applied handcuffs to Suspect Carson's wrists as Deputies Markman and Mendez held them behind his back.

Upon searching Suspect Carson, it was discovered that he had a folding knife, methamphetamine, and marijuana on his person. A search of his identity revealed that Suspect Carson had [REDACTED].

Sergeant Owen (811GS) responded to the location and Deputies Markman and Mendez made verbal notifications of the force they used and the force they witnessed to Sergeant Owen. Sergeant Owen took digital photos and video of the scene at the location.

Suspect Carson was taken to the Antelope Valley Hospital where he was found to have a sinus fracture and tested positive for amphetamines, benzodiazepines, and cannabinoids.

**INVOLVED PERSONNEL:**

**Markman, Michael -**  
604/230  
Unit 811G5  
Lancaster Station  
North Patrol Division

Deputy # [REDACTED] MW/ [REDACTED]

Date of Employment: 03-12-08  
Date Assigned to Unit: 10-21-12  
Prior Shooting Incidents: [REDACTED]  
Prior Founded Force Incidents: [REDACTED]

**Mendez, Paul -**  
Unit 811G5  
Lancaster Station  
North Patrol Division

Deputy # [REDACTED] MH/ [REDACTED] 511/216

Date of Employment: 07-23-07  
Date Assigned to Unit: 12-18-11  
Prior Shooting Incidents: [REDACTED]  
Prior Founded Force Incidents: [REDACTED]

### **SUSPECT**

Name: Carson, Danny Lee  
Sex: Male  
Race: White  
Date of Birth: October 20, 1976  
Height: 603  
Weight: 180  
Booking #: 4101515

**IAB Note:** Suspect Carson's booking number on the criminal report (page1 of **Exhibit A**) is incorrect. Suspect Carson's correct booking number is 4101515 (as indicated in the Inmate Information System and the booking records on pages 49-51 of **Exhibit A**).

Booking Charges: 2800.2 CVC, 23103 CVC, 11378 H&S, 11379(a) H&S, (1) [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED], (1) [REDACTED]

The Consolidated Criminal History System reveals [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED].

**IAB Note:** A copy of Suspect Carson's CCHRS is included in this case book (see **Exhibit B**).

### **NON-DEPARTMENT WITNESS STATEMENTS**

On September 19, 2014, Sergeant Owen checked the area for witnesses. Sergeant Owen identified and interviewed witnesses that admitted that they observed the force incident. The witnesses were identified as:



FW/  
FH/  
FH/  
FW/





On September 20, 2014, IAB Investigator Sergeant Kevin Pearcy responded to the location. While checking the area for video cameras, two additional witnesses identified themselves. The additional witnesses were identified as:

[REDACTED]

MW/  
FB/ [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED], was interviewed at the location, on September 19, 2014, at 1803 hours, by Sergeant Owen.

Witness [REDACTED] said she was sitting on the porch of her house at [REDACTED] when she heard Suspect Carson's vehicle's tires screeching. She then saw Suspect Carson driving 50-60 MPH as he attempted to turn left onto Date Avenue, from Oldfield Street. Suspect Carson's vehicle crashed into her boyfriend's car, which was parked along the east curblin on Date Avenue. Suspect Carson then got out of his vehicle and ran to the west side of the street. Witness [REDACTED] ran over and confronted Suspect Carson. She pushed Suspect Carson, told him to stop, and advised him that he had crashed into her boyfriend's car.

The deputies arrived on scene told Suspect Carson to get down on the ground. Suspect Carson refused their orders and tried to get away. The deputies took Suspect Carson to the ground. As he was face down on the ground, Suspect Carson pulled his arms tight into his chest and resisted arrest. The deputies had to forcefully pull Suspect Carson's arms behind his back to handcuff and arrest him.

Witness [REDACTED] said Suspect Carson's face got cut as he moved around on the ground, resisting arrest.

**IAB Note:** Video of Witness [REDACTED]'s interview was digitally recorded and is included on a digital video disk in this case (see **Exhibit E**).

[REDACTED], was interviewed at the location, on September 19, 2014, at 1810 hours, by Sergeant Owen.

Witness [REDACTED] said she was at her house at [REDACTED], when she saw Suspect Carson's vehicle come around the corner of Oldfield Street onto Date Avenue. Suspect Carson's vehicle was driving about 50-60 MPH, lost control, and crashed into a parked car. The force of the collision caused the first parked car to crash into her (Witness [REDACTED]'s) parked car. Suspect Carson got out of his vehicle and ran westbound across the street and appeared to be attempting to flee the scene.

Witness [REDACTED] and Witness [REDACTED] ran across the street and confronted Suspect Carson, to stop him from running away. They pushed Suspect Carson up against the fence and kept him from fleeing the scene.

Two deputies arrived on scene. When the deputies confronted Suspect Carson, he resisted arrest by refusing their orders. The deputies tackled Suspect Carson to the ground. While on the ground, Suspect Carson continued to resist arrest by holding his hands in front of his body and refusing to put his hands behind his back. In an attempt to get him to stop resisting arrest, the deputies punched Suspect Carson a couple times in his stomach, body, and face.

After the deputies punched Suspect Carson, they were able to pull his hands behind his back.

**IAB Note:** Video of this interview was digitally recorded and is included on a digital video disk in this case (see **Exhibit E**).

[REDACTED], was interviewed at the location, on September 19, 2014, at 1811 hours, by Sergeant Owen.

Witness [REDACTED] said she was inside her house, at [REDACTED], when she heard a vehicle collision on the street. When she ran out of her house, she saw Witnesses [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] were apprehending Suspect Carson. She said Suspect Carson was bleeding from the car accident.

When the two deputies arrived on scene, they contacted Suspect Carson. Suspect Carson resisted arrest by pushing and shoving the deputies as he tried to get away. The deputies and Suspect Carson went down to the ground. While on the ground, Suspect Carson continued resisting arrest. The deputies punched Suspect Carson "a couple times" on his head and back.

Witness [REDACTED] told Suspect Carson to stop resisting arrest. While on the ground, Suspect Carson said he could not breathe. Additional deputies arrived and they were finally able to handcuff the suspect.

**IAB Note:** Video of this interview was digitally recorded and is included on a digital video disk in this case (see **Exhibit E**).

[REDACTED], was interviewed at the location, on September 19, 2014, at 1818 hours, by Sergeant Owen.

Witness [REDACTED] said she was inside her house, at [REDACTED], when she heard a collision on the street. When she went to a front window of her house and looked outside, she saw the deputies make contact with Suspect Carson. The deputies asked Suspect Carson to put his hands up, and told him to get onto the ground. When Suspect Carson started to get on the ground, the deputies tackled him to the ground.

While on the ground, the two deputies punched Suspect Carson on the back of his head and on his back. Suspect Carson stopped moving and said he could not breathe. A sergeant arrived on scene and handcuffed Suspect Carson.

Witness [REDACTED] saw Suspect Carson's face was bloody, but she did not know if the injury was from the traffic collision or from the deputies hitting him. She said Suspect Carson did not appear to resist arrest.

**IAB Note:** Video of this interview was digitally recorded and is included on a digital video disk in this case (see **Exhibit E**).

[REDACTED], was interviewed at [REDACTED], on September 20, 2014, at 0406 hours, by IAB Investigator Sergeant Percy.

Witness [REDACTED] said he was inside his house at [REDACTED] when his [REDACTED] (Witness [REDACTED]) looked out their front window and told him that deputies were in front of their house, punching a man in the head. Witness [REDACTED] walked into the front yard of his house and saw two deputies on Suspect Carson's back, holding him down, and shoving his face into the concrete.

Suspect Carson was not fighting or resisting. Suspect Carson said he could not see and could not breathe. Suspect Carson's face was bleeding and the blood was getting in his (Suspect Carson's) eyes.

A sergeant ran up, grabbed handcuffs from one of the other deputies, and handcuffed Suspect Carson. The deputies stood Suspect Carson up, the paramedics checked him out, and then they put Suspect Carson into a patrol car.

**IAB Note:** Video of this interview was digitally recorded and is included on a digital video disk in this case (see **Exhibit E**).

[REDACTED], was interviewed at [REDACTED], on September 20, 2014, at 0412 hours, by IAB Investigator Sergeant Percy.

Witness [REDACTED] said she lives at [REDACTED] with Witnesses [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. Witness [REDACTED] alerted her that something was happening in front of their house.

When Witness [REDACTED] stepped into the front yard of their house, she saw four deputies on Suspect Carson's back as he was on the ground. One of the deputies had his knee on Suspect Carson's back. She heard Suspect Carson repeatedly say he could not breathe. Another deputy ran up and put the handcuffs on Suspect Carson.

Witness [REDACTED] said Suspect Carson was cooperative with the deputies' orders and he had a calm demeanor. Witness [REDACTED] saw that Suspect Carson's face was bloody, but she did not know what caused his injury.

**IAB Note:** Video of this interview was digitally recorded and is included on a digital video disk in this case (see **Exhibit E**).

### **INVOLVED EMPLOYEE STATEMENTS**

**Sergeant [REDACTED] # [REDACTED]**, was interviewed on June 5, 2015, at 1021 hours, by Internal Affairs Sergeant Kevin Percy. The interview was conducted at the Santa Clarita Sheriff's Station in the captain's conference room. Audio of the interview was digitally recorded.

Sergeant [REDACTED] advised that he authored a Supplemental Report, documenting the event and his actions (pages 19-21 of **Exhibit A**). He indicated his report was an accurate account of the incident.

On September 16, 2014, Sergeant [REDACTED] responded to Lancaster deputies' assistance request regarding a vehicle pursuit. When the pursuit ended near Date Avenue and Oldfield Street, Sergeant [REDACTED] responded to the location. Other than the initial unit, Sergeant [REDACTED] was the first unit to arrive on scene.

Upon his arrival, Sergeant [REDACTED] saw Deputies Markman and Mendez holding Suspect Carson to the ground. He saw a group of four angry females, standing near the deputies. He was not sure if the angry group was yelling at the deputies or the suspect.

Suspect Carson was lying face down on the ground, and Deputies Markman and Mendez were using their body weight to pin Suspect Carson on the ground. Deputy Markman was on Suspect Carson's left side. He was restraining Suspect Carson's left arm, and had one knee on the center of his back. Deputy Mendez was on Suspect Carson's right side, and was restraining his right arm.

As he was pinned down on a cement driveway, Suspect Carson was screaming, rocking his upper body back and forth, and violently twisting his face from right to left.

As Sergeant [REDACTED] approached, he advised the angry group to not interfere. When Sergeant [REDACTED] made contact with the deputies, he found that Suspect Carson was still moving back and forth and he was not handcuffed. Suspect Carson was actively resisting against the deputies and refusing to be handcuffed. Sergeant [REDACTED] directed Deputy Markman to give him Suspect Carson's left hand, which he did. Sergeant [REDACTED] applied a handcuff to Suspect Carson's left wrist. Sergeant [REDACTED] directed Deputy Mendez to give him Suspect Carson's right hand, which he did. Sergeant [REDACTED] completed the handcuffing by applying a handcuff to Suspect Carson's right wrist. While Suspect Carson was struggling with the deputies, Sergeant [REDACTED] told Suspect Carson, "Calm down, stop, it's over."

Once Suspect Carson was handcuffed, he calmed down. Suspect Carson stood up, walked to a radio car, and sat in the backseat, without further incident.

Suspect Carson told Sergeant [REDACTED] that he ran from the deputies because [REDACTED].

For Sergeant [REDACTED]'s complete statement, refer to his interview transcript, which is included in this case book.

Deputy Michael Markman, # [REDACTED], was interviewed on June 16, 2015, at 1320 hours by Internal Affairs Sergeants Kevin Percy and Louis Vigil. The interview was conducted in an interview room at the Internal Affairs Bureau. Audio of the interview was digitally recorded.

Deputy Markman advised that he authored an Incident Report, documenting the event and his actions (see pages 1-15 or **Exhibit A**). He indicated his report was an accurate account of the incident.

On September 19, 2014, Deputy Markman was a member of the Lancaster Community Appreciation Program Team (LANCAP). Deputy Markman said he and Deputy Mendez were working together in a two man, marked patrol car that was a "[REDACTED]" car. He was the driver and Deputy Mendez was the bookman.

While they were driving westbound on Avenue J, near 10<sup>th</sup> street West, Deputy Markman saw Suspect Carson's vehicle. Upon checking the vehicle's registration, they discovered that it was expired. The registration status was in conflict with the current registration tab that was displayed on the vehicle.

As they got closer, Suspect Carson's vehicle made a sudden turning movement in front of them, nearly colliding with the front of their vehicle. Deputy Markman saw that the driver (and sole occupant) was driving without the use of his seatbelt. Without cause,

the suspect's vehicle made an abrupt stop, nearly causing the deputies' vehicle to collide with the back of the suspect's vehicle. The suspect's vehicle straddled the line between the number two and three lanes. Because of the suspect's erratic and unsafe driving, Deputy Markman thought the driver could be driving while intoxicated.

Deputy Markman activated his takedown lights to perform a traffic stop, but the driver did not immediately pull over. The suspect's vehicle drove very slowly, then made a U-turn onto a sub-street of Avenue J. As the suspect's vehicle drove across opposing lanes of traffic, the driver took both of his hands off the steering wheel and appeared to be reaching into his waistband area. The suspect's vehicle then stopped with the driver's side along the north curb, on the wrong side of the street. The suspect continued to reach into his waistband area.

When the deputies began to get out of their vehicle to contact the suspect, the suspect's vehicle accelerated away from the traffic stop and made a quick left turn onto Loneoak Avenue, and went out of view. Deputies Markman and Mendez got back into their patrol car and initiated a pursuit of Suspect Carson's vehicle, as a reckless DUI suspect.

**IAB Notes:** The route of the pursuit was clearly described in Deputy Markman's incident report (see pages 7-8 of **Exhibit A**).

The pursuit route was put onto a map illustration and confirmed by Deputy Markman. The pursuit map illustration was included at the end of Deputy Markman's transcripts.

The suspect drove through two residential neighborhoods, made several quick turns, drove into opposing lanes of traffic, and failed to stop for a red stop light and a stop sign.

During the pursuit, the suspect's vehicle went in and out of the deputies' field of view several times. When the suspect drove east on Oldfield Street, from Elm Avenue, the deputies lost sight of the suspect's vehicle. As the deputies drove east on Oldfield Street from Elm Avenue, they saw the suspect's vehicle on Date Avenue just, north of Oldfield Street. The suspect's vehicle had been involved in a significant crash, where another vehicle was on top of the suspect's vehicle. The suspect vehicle's airbags had deployed, the windshield was broken, the driver's door was open, and the suspect was not in the vehicle.

Deputy Markman stopped their radio car in the street, near the suspect's crashed vehicle. Both deputies exited their patrol car, and scanned the area for the suspect. Deputy Markman saw Suspect Carson on the west sidewalk attempting to jump over a wrought iron fence, which surrounded the front yard of the location. Deputy Markman



pointed his gun at Suspect Carson, told him to put his hands up, and told him to get on the ground. Both Deputies Markman and Mendez moved towards Suspect Carson. Deputy Markman saw that Suspect Carson had blood on his face. Suspect Carson appeared to have no emotion about the situation, as he had a blank stare on his face. Suspect Carson did not follow any of Deputy Markman's orders.

Once Deputy Markman saw Suspect Carson's face, he immediately recognized him as a person he knew from prior contacts. Suspect Carson was a known "A.V. Skins" and "Metal Minds" gang member, and a suspected narcotics dealer.

As Deputy Markman came closer, Suspect Carson moved towards Deputy Markman. Suspect Carson began taking very deep breaths and brought both of his hands up in tight fists. Deputy Markman feared that Suspect Carson was preparing to attack him. To avoid a fight over his firearm, Deputy Markman re-holstered his duty weapon. As Suspect Carson continued to move towards him, Deputy Markman, took an evasive step to his left, and used his left fist to punch Suspect Carson in the right side of his face. The punch caused Suspect Carson to fall to the ground, on the cement sidewalk. When he fell, Suspect Carson did not use his hands to break his fall. Instead, Suspect Carson used both of his hands to reach for his waistband.

**IAB Notes:** Deputy Markman made reference markings and notes on overhead maps and a Google Street View image during his interview. Both illustrations were included at the end of Deputy Markman's transcripts.

While Suspect Carson was chest down on the ground, he held both of his arms in front of him. Deputy Markman grabbed Suspect Carson's left arm and tried to pull it behind his back, and Deputy Mendez grabbed Suspect Carson's right arm. Suspect Carson refused to relinquish his arms for handcuffing. In resistance to the deputies, Suspect Carson struggled by twisting, turning, kicking, thrashing, turning his head from side to side, pushing off of the ground, and pulling away from the deputies. Deputy Markman had his left knee on the ground and his right knee applying his body weight on Suspect Carson's upper back. Both deputies told Suspect Carson to stop fighting, to release his arms, and to put his arms out.

Fearing that Suspect Carson was attempting to arm himself with some type of weapon in his waistband, Deputy Markman used his right fist to punch Suspect Carson, two to three times, on the right side of his face. When Deputy Markman punched him, Suspect Carson was arching his back and lifting his head off of the ground. Deputy Markman said he intentionally punched in a sideways direction that was parallel with the ground, so as not to hit Suspect Carson's head into the ground.

After the first set of punches, Deputy Markman attempted to pull Suspect Carson's left arm out from underneath his body, with no success. Suspect Carson continued to resist and struggle with Deputies Markman and Mendez, in the same way he did from the initial contact on the ground.

Suspect Carson pushed his upper torso up and appeared to be attempting to get up off the ground. While Suspect Carson's head was eight to ten inches off the ground, Deputy Markman used his left fist to punch Suspect Carson, two times, on the left side of his face, in a sideways punching direction that was parallel with the ground.

Until the second set of punches, Suspect Carson continued to struggle and resist the deputies. After the second set of punches, Suspect Carson released his arms and his body became relaxed. Deputy Markman used his right hand to slowly pull Suspect Carson's left arm out from underneath his body. Deputy Markman placed Suspect Carson's left arm behind his back and held it with his right knee.

Immediately after both deputies got Suspect Carson's arms behind his back, Sergeant [REDACTED] arrived and put handcuffs on Suspect Carson. Once handcuffed, Suspect Carson was searched and found to have a folding knife and some methamphetamine. Suspect Carson stood himself up and walked over to radio car, without further incident.

During the incident, Deputy Markman saw Deputy Mendez was holding Suspect Carson's right side. He saw Deputy Mendez punch Suspect Carson a few times in his face. During the incident, both Deputies Markman and Mendez repeatedly told Suspect Carson to stop fighting and to give them his hands, he refused their orders.

For Deputy Markman's complete statement, refer to his interview transcript, which is included in this case book.

**Deputy Paul Mendez**, # [REDACTED], was interviewed on June 16, 2015, at 1447 hours by Internal Affairs Sergeants Kevin Percy and Louis Vigil. The interview was conducted in an interview room at the Internal Affairs Bureau. Audio of the interview was digitally recorded.

Deputy Mendez advised that he authored a Supplemental Report, documenting the event and his actions (see pages 16-18 of **Exhibit A**). He indicated his report was an accurate account of the incident.

On September 19, 2014, Deputy Mendez was a member of the LANCAP Team. Deputy Mendez said he and Deputy Markman were working together in a two man, marked patrol car, which was a "[REDACTED]" car. He was the bookman and Deputy Markman was the driver.

While they were westbound on Avenue J, east of Loneoak Avenue, he saw Suspect Carson's vehicle was lane straddling, two to three times, as it drove down the street. Upon checking the vehicle's registration, they discovered that it was expired. Before they initiated any lights or sirens, and without reason or warning, the suspect's vehicle abruptly stopped in front of them. The quick stop nearly caused them to crash into the back of the suspect's vehicle. Because of the suspect's erratic and unsafe driving, Deputy Mendez thought they needed to stop the driver for a DUI investigation.

When they initiated a traffic stop on the suspect's vehicle, the driver (and sole occupant) did not pull over right away. After making a U-turn onto the Avenue J sub-street, the vehicle slowly crept forward and crossed over the oncoming traffic lane. As the suspect vehicle stopped, he saw Suspect Carson reaching for something in his lap area. Fearing the suspect was retrieving a weapon, Deputy Mendez exited the radio car with his gun drawn. As he exited the patrol car and began to move towards suspect's vehicle, the suspect stepped on the gas and turned northbound onto Loneoak Avenue, and out of view. They initiated a pursuit of the suspect as a reckless DUI driver. Deputy Mendez put out the radio traffic of the pursuit.

**IAB Notes:** The pursuit route was put onto a map illustration and confirmed by Deputy Mendez. The pursuit map illustration was included at the end of Deputy Mendez' transcripts.

Audio of the radio traffic was digitally recorded and is included on a compact disk in this case (see **Exhibit F**).

The suspect drove through two residential neighborhoods, made several quick turns and failed to stop for a red stop light.

During the pursuit, the suspect's vehicle went in and out of their field of view several times. When the suspect drove east on Oldfield Street, from Elm Avenue, the deputies lost sight of the suspect's vehicle. As the deputies drove east on Oldfield Street, from Elm Avenue, they saw the suspect's vehicle had been involved in a significant traffic collision with another vehicle on Date Avenue, just north of Oldfield Street. Deputy Markman stopped the radio car near the suspect's vehicle and Deputy Mendez got out, looking for the suspect.

Deputy Mendez saw Suspect Carson standing near, and attempting to jump over, a wrought iron fence, surrounding the front yard of the location. Deputies Mendez and Markman pointed their guns at Suspect Carson and moved towards him. The deputies ordered Suspect Carson to show them his hands and to get on the ground, he refused to follow the orders. Suspect Carson turned around, dropped his hands, and in a very

"robotic" movement marched towards Deputy Markman. He could see that Suspect Carson's face was red, but was unsure if it was bleeding or just had abrasions from the collision. Deputy Markman stopped moving towards Suspect Carson, he holstered his weapon, and used his (Deputy Markman's) left fist to punch Suspect Carson in the face.

**IAB Note:** Deputy Mendez made reference markings and notes on overhead maps and a Google Street View image during his interview. Both illustrations were included at the end of Deputy Mendez' transcripts.

After he was punched, Suspect Carson fell face first onto the sidewalk. Suspect Carson held his hands underneath him, near his stomach. While Suspect Carson was chest down on the sidewalk, Deputy Markman got on top of his upper left torso. Deputy Mendez holstered his firearm and made contact with Suspect Carson's lower right side.

Deputy Mendez feared Suspect Carson was attempting, or would attempt to retrieve a gun. Both deputies ordered Suspect Carson to give them his hands, he refused. Suspect Carson struggled with the deputies by "bucking," thrashing, arching, kicking and swaying his torso and hips from side to side. Deputy Mendez had to put all of his body weight on Suspect Carson's right side to prevent him from getting up. Deputy Mendez used both of his arms in an attempt to pull Suspect Carson's right arm out from underneath his body. He was unable to remove Suspect Carson's arm. Deputy Mendez used his right fist to punch Suspect Carson one time on his lower right torso. Deputy Markman yelled, "Stop fighting, stop fighting," as he (Deputy Markman) punched Suspect Carson in the face/head area.

Deputy Mendez continued to use his left arm to pull on Suspect Carson's right arm, but he was unable to overpower Suspect Carson's resistance. Deputy Mendez then used his right fist to punch Suspect Carson in the right side of his face with a "right hook," about four to five times. The direction of Deputy Mendez' punches were parallel with the ground. As Suspect Carson was struggling with the deputies, he was picking his head up off of the ground. When Deputy Mendez punched Suspect Carson in the face, his (Suspect Carson's) head was off of the ground. A few seconds after his last punch, Suspect Carson released his resistance on his right arm. Deputy Mendez used both of his hands to pull Suspect Carson's right arm away from his waistband area and held it behind his back. Although Suspect Carson released his arms and stopped "bucking," he remained tense.

Deputy Mendez realized that there were several people from the neighborhood all around them as they were struggling on the ground. The surrounding crowd was angry, yelling, and screaming. At the time he did not know if they were angry at them (the deputies), the suspect, or both. Deputy Mendez described the scene as very loud and "chaotic."

Deputy Mendez pinned Suspect Carson's arm behind his back and held it there. Sergeant [REDACTED] arrived and took out his handcuffs. Deputy Mendez said they had to hold and force Suspect Carson's wrists into the handcuffs.

Once handcuffed, Deputy Mendez then searched Suspect Carson while he was still on the ground. He found Suspect Carson had a folding knife, methamphetamine, and marijuana in his pockets. The deputies assisted Suspect Carson to his feet. Suspect Carson walked himself to the back seat of a patrol car, without further incident.

For Deputy Mendez' complete statement, refer to his interview transcript, which is included in this case book.

### **SUSPECT CARSON'S STATEMENT**

**Suspect Danny Carson**, Booking #4101515, was interviewed two times on video and two times with recorded audio. The interviews are as follows:

#### **Suspect Carson - Interview #1**

On September 19, 2014, at 1821 hours, Suspect Carson was interviewed by Sergeant Steve Owen as he was handcuffed in the backseat of a patrol car, at the location.

When asked about what happened, Suspect Carson shook his head and said, "Nuthin." Suspect Carson acknowledged that he had been in a car accident. He said he had not been drinking alcohol. When asked about the last he had used methamphetamine, Suspect Carson said, "It's been a few days." When asked why he did not stop for the deputies and to describe what happened after the car accident, Suspect Carson did not reply. When asked if he would express what injuries he had, Suspect Carson said, "No."

**IAB Notes:** Suspect Carson had a visible ¾ inch laceration and swelling above his left eyebrow, swelling and a one inch contusion on his left cheek, swelling and bruising under his right eye, and appeared to have dried blood around his nostrils.

Video of this interview was digitally recorded and is included on a digital video disk in this case (see **Exhibit E**).

#### **Suspect Carson - Interview #2**

On September 19, 2014, at 2000 hours, Suspect Carson was interviewed by Sergeant Steve Owen as he was handcuffed laying handcuffed to a gurney at Antelope Valley Hospital.

Suspect Carson appeared groggy but said he would talk about what happened. Suspect Carson said he remembered what happened. He said he was involved in an accident. When asked about what else happened, Suspect Carson said, "I don't know."

**IAB Note:** Video of this interview was digitally recorded and is included on a digital video disk in this case (see **Exhibit E**).

Suspect Carson - Interview #3

On September 20, 2014, at 0224 hours, Suspect Carson was interviewed by Sergeant Steve Owen as he was in a jail cell at Lancaster Station. Audio of the interview was digitally recorded.

Suspect Carson said that the car he was driving belonged to "[REDACTED]." He said she had owned the vehicle for about a month, and that it was not stolen.

Suspect Carson said that when the deputies tried to pull him over, he just did not stop. He took off and then crashed into a parked car, near Date Avenue or Cedar Avenue. When he got out of the vehicle, he ran across the street.

Two deputies arrived on scene and yelled at him to get down, so he did. Suspect Carson said he laid down on the ground and kept his hands by his side. When asked what happened next, Suspect Carson stated, "They fucking beat the shit out of me."

The deputies jumped on his back and hit him with their fists, or something. He said he did not know what they were hitting him with because his face was against the pavement. Suspect Carson said he could not get up and he was not resisting the deputies.

Suspect Carson said he smoked methamphetamine earlier in the day. He did not turn himself in [REDACTED].

**IAB Note:** Audio of this interview was digitally recorded (see audio job #46817 or **Exhibit F**).

Suspect Carson - Interview #4

On June 18, 2015, at 1029 hours, Suspect Carson was interviewed by Internal Affairs Sergeant Kevin Pearcy. The interview was conducted via telephone as Suspect Carson was in custody at Delano State Prison. Audio of the interview was digitally recorded.

On September 16, 2014, Suspect Carson was driving a friend's car westbound on Avenue J near 10<sup>th</sup> Street West, in Lancaster, when Deputies Markman and Mendez



performed a traffic stop on him. When he pulled over and stopped, Deputies Markman and Mendez jumped out of their vehicle and pointed their guns at him. Suspect Carson said he had previous contacts with Deputies Markman and Mendez and he was uncomfortable with them taking him into custody.

Suspect Carson drove away from the traffic stop and the deputies pursued him. He drove past his house on Elm Avenue. When he rounded the corner onto the next street, he crashed into a parked car. He got out of the car and ran across the street, then realized he was caught.

When Deputies Markman and Mendez arrived, they pointed their guns at Suspect Carson and ordered him to get on the ground. Suspect Carson put his hands up to surrender. The deputies repeated the order for him to get on the ground. Suspect Carson went down to his knees, lied down on the sidewalk, and put his arms behind his back.

Suspect Carson said that while he was on the ground, Deputies Markman and Mendez jumped on him, put a knee in the middle of his back, grabbed his arms and pulled them behind his back. The deputies then punched him in the back of his head causing his face to bounce off of the sidewalk. As he was being punched, Suspect Carson moved his face from side to side, in an attempt to avoid the punches. The deputies' punches were in a straight down motion, to the back of his head. Suspect Carson said he was punched at least eight times, then he lost consciousness. The next thing he remembered, the deputies had picked him up off the ground and were walking him over to a patrol car.

Suspect Carson said during the incident he "gave up," was cooperative, and did not resist the deputies. He knew he was going to jail, so he tried to remain as still as possible, so the deputies could handcuff him.

Suspect Carson said he did not receive any injuries due to the traffic collision. He said all of his injuries were a result of the deputy's punches. Suspect Carson said he received a chipped front tooth, a broken nose, and numerous stitches on his face.

Suspect Carson admitted that he had ingested methamphetamine, one to two hours, before the incident.

For Suspect Carson's complete statement during this interview, refer to the transcript which is included in this case book.

## **SUSPECT'S INJURIES**

Suspect Carson was transported to Antelope Valley Hospital, where he was treated for his injuries by Doctor Wyler. It was discovered that Suspect Carson had a fracture of the frontal process of the right maxilla with mild depression of the right nasal bone and dehiscence of the inferior nasomaxillary suture. Suspect Carson received sutures to close the laceration above his left eyebrow.

Suspect Carson was treated for his injuries and given an "OK to book."

**IAB Notes:** Photographs and videos show Suspect Carson's body (see photos on the CD in **Exhibit D** and videos in **Exhibit E**).

Suspect Carson's medical treatment documentation is included in this book (see **Exhibit G**).

On September 20, 2014, at 0335 hours, Internal Affairs Investigator Sergeant Percy made contact with Doctor Wyler at Antelope Valley Hospital. Doctor Wyler said he could not determine if Suspect Carson's injuries were caused by the traffic collision or the deputies' force used against him, during his arrest. Doctor Wyler indicated that if the injuries were from the deputies' force, it was consistent with their reported actions.

## **DEPUTY PERSONNEL INJURIES**

None

## **PHYSICAL EVIDENCE**

None

## **INVESTIGATOR'S OBSERVATIONS**

The area where the deputies made contact with Suspect Carson, and where the use of force subsequently occurred, is a public street in a residential neighborhood. The force occurred on the west cement sidewalk in front of a residential home at [REDACTED], Lancaster.

A check of the area, revealed that there was a video camera attached to the front of the house at [REDACTED], which appeared to be in a position that would have had a view of the incident.

Witnesses [REDACTED], [REDACTED], and [REDACTED] rent the house at [REDACTED], Lancaster. They did not know if the video camera attached to the house they rent was monitored or recorded.

IAB Investigator Sergeant Percy identified [REDACTED] ([REDACTED]) as the [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] for the house at [REDACTED]. During a telephone conversation, [REDACTED] advised Sergeant Percy that the video camera at [REDACTED] is non-operational and there is no recorded video footage. The camera is only mounted as a decoy to discourage criminal activity at, and near, the location.

### **REVIEW OF THE RADIO BROADCAST**

Internal Affairs Sergeant Kevin Percy reviewed the audio recording of the radio broadcast of this incident. Due to time and date stamp on the audio recording, the broadcast starts at time marker 0:14. The review was as follows:

0:14 Deputy Mendez advised that 811G5 was in pursuit of a "reckless deuce," they were eastbound Norberry Street, approaching 10<sup>th</sup> Street West, and requested an air unit.

Deputy Mendez continued to update their locations and directions, as he coordinated responding deputies' responses. SCC mistakenly identified him, and referred to him, as 811G4.

1:22 (1:08 into the broadcast), Deputy Mendez advised that the suspect vehicle had been involved in a traffic collision.

1:40 SCC asked for their location.

1:59 Deputy Mendez advised that they needed units "code" as there were a "[REDACTED]."

2:16 Deputy Mendez advised that they were at "[REDACTED]."

2:36 Several deputies advise that they had arrived on scene.

2:50 Sergeant Owen confirmed with SCC that EMS was responding.

3:20 110G3 advised "Code-4 Adam."

**IAB Note:** Audio of the radio broadcast was digitally recorded and is included on a compact disk in this case (see **Exhibit F**).

**WEAPONS USED BY DEPUTY PERSONNEL**

None

**WEAPONS USED BY SUSPECT** [REDACTED]

None

**PROPERTY DAMAGE**

None

**CRIMINAL INVESTIGATOR AND CHARGES FILED**

Investigator: Lancaster Detective Bureau (LANCAP) – [REDACTED]

Court: Antelope Valley Court

Charges Filed: 11379(a) HS, Transportation/Sales of Controlled Substance  
2800.2 CVC, Reckless Flight from a Pursuing Peace Officer  
69 PC (2 counts) Resisting Arrest  
14601.1(a) CVC Driving on a Suspended License

**IAB Notes:** On September 23, 2014, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office, at Antelope Valley Superior Court, filed four felony and one misdemeanor complaints against Suspect Carson (charges as described above).

On May 18, 2015, Suspect Carson agreed to a plea bargain resulting in a sentence of 18 years prison for 11379(a) HS, Transportation/Sales of Controlled Substance and 2 years state prison for 2800.2 CVC, Reckless Flight from a Pursuing Peace Officer (the other charges were dismissed due to the plea negotiation).

**WEATHER AND LIGHTING CONDITIONS**

The incident occurred on a residential street during daylight hours (1753 hours) with good lighting conditions on the roadway and sidewalk. At the time of the incident, the weather was clear and 82 degrees.

**IAB Note:** Video of the conditions at the scene shortly after the incident was digitally recorded by Sergeant Owen and is included on a digital video disk in this case (see **Exhibit E**).